

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CRIME BY GANGS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of gangs involved in kidnapping/abduction, demanding ransom and forcing the girls into prostitution is sharply rising in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has unearthed any such gang;
- (d) if so, the number of such accused persons arrested during each of the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise and the action taken against them;
- (e) whether the CBI has collected any information in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not maintain data regarding the number of gangs involved in kidnapping/abduction demanding ransom and forcing the girls into prostitution in the country. Besides as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India "Police" and "Public Order" are State subjects and, such the primary responsibility of prevention, detection registration, investigation and prosecution of crime lies with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Central Government has issued advisories to the State Governments and UT Administrations from time to time, to give more focused attention to the prevention and control of crimes against women in society within their jurisdiction.

(e) to (g): As per information received from the CBI, in 2007 there were 87 gangs comprising 359 members in kidnapping for prostitution.